

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-62 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 21, 41, 61, and 62, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, specifically at Figure 3.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. OBJECTIONS

The Specification was objected to for allegedly containing a hyperlink. Applicants submit that the hyperlink is deleted from the Specification.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101 AND §103(a)

Claims 61 and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 10-13, 30-43, and 50-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0164149 to Wilkinson (hereinafter, merely “Wilkinson”)¹.

Claims 4-9, 24-29, and 44-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over Wilkinson in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0043784 to Shirata et al. (hereinafter, merely “Shirata”).

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

A. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 61 and 62 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the rejections.

B. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“wherein the second file of the second format includes all of the first data collectively placed in one part of the body and includes all the second data collectively placed in another part of the body.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Willkinson relates to a method of combining data with other material. The method maps metadata from MXF files into SDI, SDTI, and AES3.

As understood by Applicants, Shirata relates to a picture quality adjustment method. If a user performs a picture quality adjustment operation once, an image of an optimum picture quality can be obtained.

¹ Applicants note that U.S. Publication No. 2002/0164149 to Wilkinson was filed on September 4, 2001 and published on November 7, 2002. Thus, Wilkinson is 102(e) art and is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). However, Applicants note that Wilkinson is a PCT Application that was published on March 14, 2002. Therefore, Applicants assume that the Office Action relies on the PCT publication.

Applicants respectfully submit that Willkinson and Shirata, taken either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that discloses or teaches wherein the second file of the second format includes all of the first data collectively placed in one part of the body and includes all the second data collectively placed in another part of the body, as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action (see page 4) cites SDI, SDTI, and MXF to reject the file of the first format and the file of the second format. Applicants respectfully submit that none of SDI, SDTI, and MXF discloses or teaches wherein the second file of the second format includes all of the first data collectively placed in one part of the body and includes all the second data collectively placed in another part of the body, as recited in claim 1.

SDI is a stream interface transporting videos in frames. Each frame has an active video space for picture data and Horizontal Ancillary data for audio channels. (see paragraph [0088] and Figure 5 of Wilkinson) SDTI is another stream interface that has both picture data and audio data included in a field. (see paragraph [0092] and Figure 6 of Wilkinson).

Applicants submit that both SDI and SDTI have video and audio data of a frame or a field multiplexed together in a body of a file and do include all of the first data collectively placed in one part of the body and includes all the second data collectively placed in another part of the body. Therefore, independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, claims 21, 41, 61, and 62 are patentable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Each of the other claims in this application is dependent on an independent claim discussed above, and is therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons presented for the independent claim upon which it depends. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

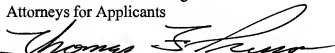
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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